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25X1 1. Soviet minesweepers [ ] were sighted in the southern Baltic  
25X1 [ ] on 3 June 1953. They proceeded in line ahead 100  
meters apart with their paravanes strung out, steaming to and fro between two  
buoys located in the positions N 54-46, E 13-34 and N 54-46, E 13-39. Three  
minutes before they turned to port, a red light was shown at the masthead of  
the lead vessel which was repeated at once by the two other vessels. On  
initiating the turn in succession the red lights were switched off, and on  
reaching the other buoy, a green light was shown at the masthead when the  
vessels turned to starboard.

2. Half a nautical mile north of the minesweepers [ ] four iden- 25X1  
tical vessels performed similar tactical exercises. [ ] 25X1

25X1 [ ] also was unable to give a description  
of the two smaller craft which accompanied them.

25X1A [ ] Comment. Vessels [ ] are probably former German M-40- 25X1  
type minesweepers which, prior to April 1953, [ ] 25X1

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